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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 14-16 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 14-16 alternatively refer to “bodysuit member” and “bodysuit” to refer to the same element. To keep terminology in the claims consistent, applicants should only use one of these names to describe this element.

In claims 14, line 8, replace “permit” with --permits--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eriksson (US 5,152,757 A) in view of Lockwood *et al.* (US 6,685,681 B2).

Regarding claim 14, Eriksson teaches a device capable of both treating and promoting healing of damaged body tissue, said device comprising;

a bodysuit member (60) having each of a predetermined size and a predetermined shape, said bodysuit (60) having an outer surface facing atmosphere and an inner surface facing a body area of a person to be treated; and

at least one fluid transfer means (88) sealingly engaged with said bodysuit space and disposed in fluid communication with a space located between said inner surface of said bodysuit and said damaged body tissue for allowing communication of at least one predetermined fluid medium to such space disposed between said inner surface of said bodysuit and such damaged body tissue thereby enabling such damaged body tissue (see figs. 9 & 15, below)(col. 20, lines 62-65; col. 21; lines 51-68)(abstract).

Eriksson does not expressly teach that the inner surface of the bodysuit member is textured.

Eriksson teaches a vacuum bandage that includes a wound-contacting layer (20) with a texture (28) which channel fluids (see fig. 16, below).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to add the textured channels of Lockwood *et al.* to the system of Eriksson in order to provide fluid flow channels even in portions of the system that are compressed by a wearer's bodyweight, so fluid can circulate.

Regarding claim 15, Eriksson teaches transparency (col. 2, line 34).

Regarding claim 16-18, Eriksson teaches multiple ports (88)(fig. 15).

Regarding claims 19-22, Eriksson teaches that the fluid is a liquid medication, painkiller or both (col. 6, lines 55-68).

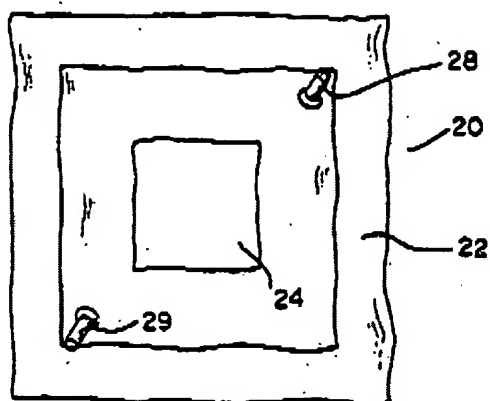


FIGURE 9

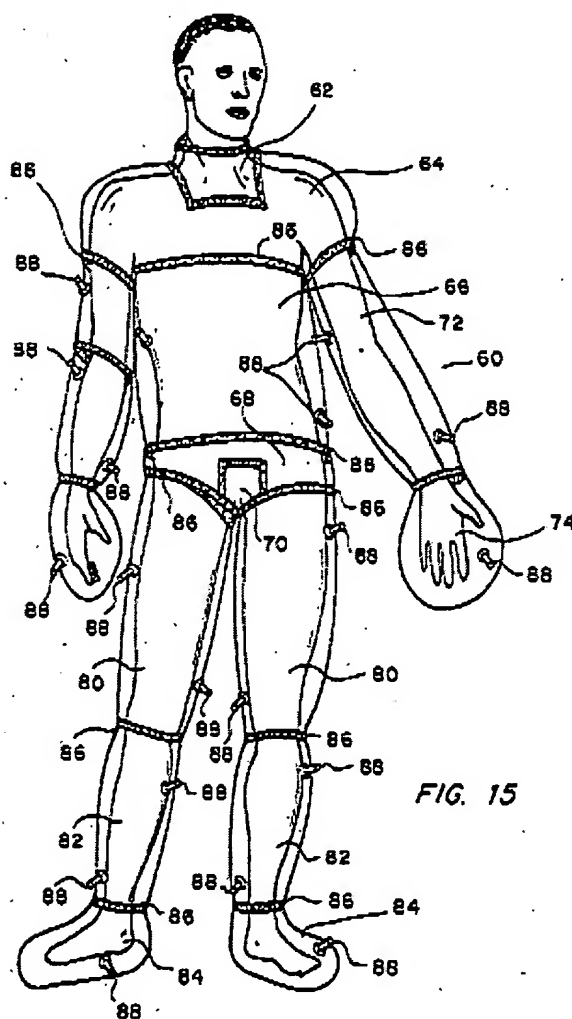


FIG. 15

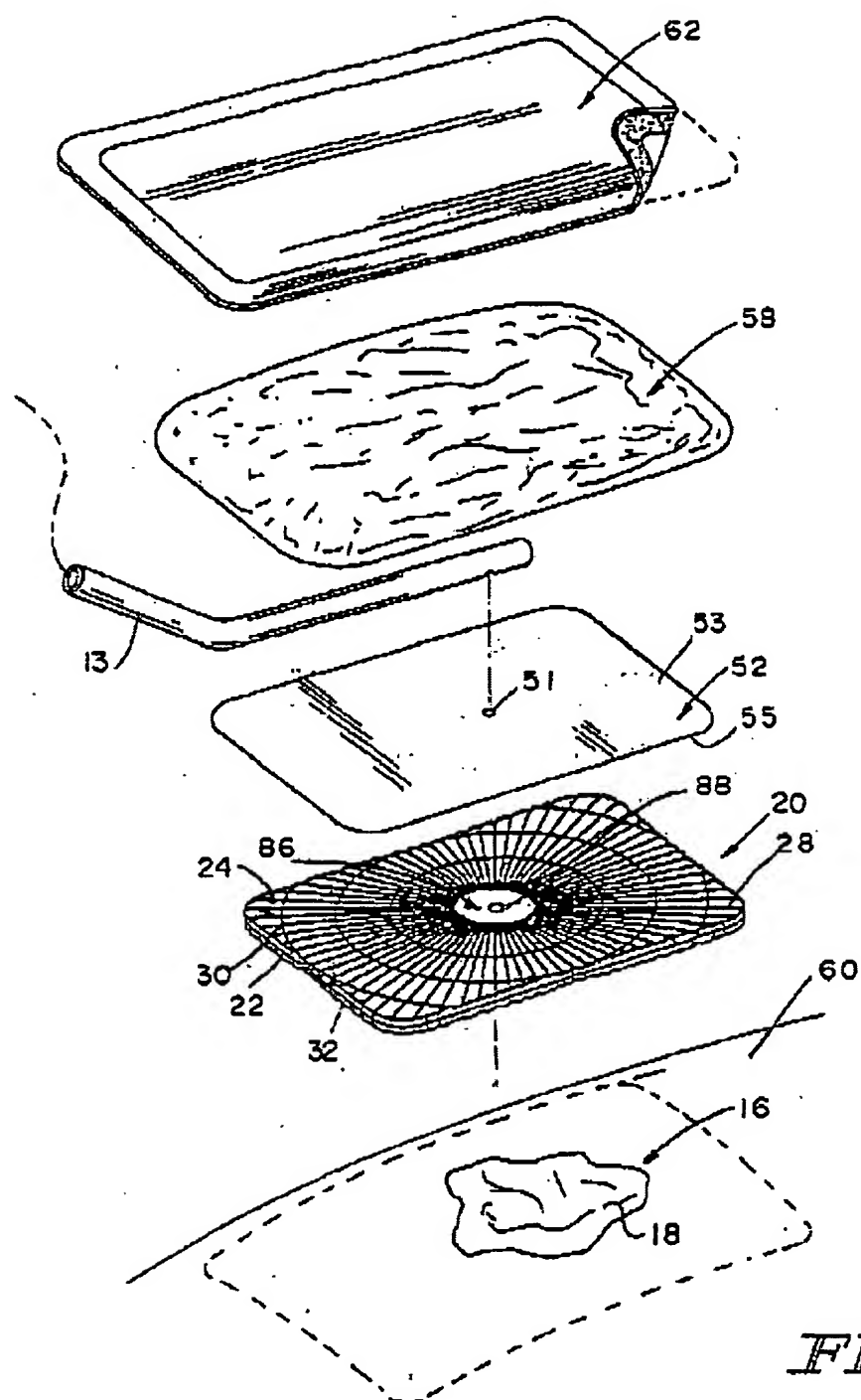


FIG 16

Response to Arguments

Applicants assert that Eriksson should not have been combined with Lockwood *et al.* in an anticipation rejection under 35 USC § 102. That rejection is withdrawn and is replaced by the rejection for obviousness under 35 USC § 103 described herein.

Applicants assert that Eriksson is difficult to follow due to the limited description of fig. 15 in that reference. The reference describes element (88) as an inlet or outlet port. It is noted that figure 15 is one of several related embodiments. These embodiments are all directed to a device (20) that has ports (28, 29) capable of bringing fluid (wound treatment additives) into contact with a portion of a user's skin (abstract; col. 14, line 58-col. 15, line 20; col. 20, lines 61-65). The embodiment of figure 15 differs from the others only in that it is a bodysuit that can cover substantially all of a user's body.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Bogart whose telephone number is (571) 272-4933.

In the event the examiner is not available, the Examiner's supervisor, Tatyana Zalukaeva may be reached at phone number (571) 272-1115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for formal communications. For informal communications, the direct fax to the Examiner is (571) 273-4933.

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